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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion of the recent settlement between the US department of Justice and Microsoft. I think the lawsuits have dragged on for far too long now and have been a waste of taxpayer dollars. I am a proponent of free enterprise and the government's interference with Microsoft is ridiculous.

The only criticism of Microsoft could be that their marketing tactics are a bit heavy-handed, but that is hardly an antitrust violation. The terms of the settlement are harsh against Microsoft and should appease all competition. Microsoft will be disclosing interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. They will also be granting computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so that competitors can more easily promote their own products. These concessions and more should appease all parties involved in dispute.

I urge your office to do what is right for the public and our economy and finalize the settlement. Thank

you.

Sincerely,

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